SENATE BILL 240

By Haynes

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29; Title 38 and Title 66, relative to removing certain persons from property.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 38, Chapter 8, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

38-8-119. A law enforcement officer certified under this chapter is immune from civil liability under the laws of this state for assisting a homeowner in removing a person and such person's property from the premises of the homeowner's residence in the absence of an otherwise appropriate court order or other justifying conduct in the presence of the officer only if such person has been given two (2) weeks notice by the homeowner, the homeowner has requested the person to leave, the person has refused to leave the residence, and the person was present in the residence as a tenant or invitee of the homeowner without any agreement to pay rent. The officer must have a reasonable belief based on facts known to the officer that the requirements of this section have been met.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2007, the public welfare requiring it.